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Stalin Motor Vehicle Works at Moscow

1. At the Stalin Motor Vehicle Works in Moscow, one truck leaves the main assembly line every five minutes; one bicycle leaves every minute; and one bus every two hours. Production at the plant in 1954 was 12 percent higher than in 1953. There are 35,000 employees and office workers at this plant, 40 percent of whom are women. A third of the workers are employed on administrative work. Currently, the plant is operating on one eight-hour shift. Occasionally, a second shift of seven hours is worked.

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Automobile Sales in Moscow

2. Inquiries at the only auto sales enterprise in Moscow revealed that the enterprise sells 190 ZIMs in a year at 40,000 rubles each; 550 Pobedas in a month at 16,000 rubles each; and 600 Moskvichs per month at 9,000 rubles each. Sales in 1954 were 50 percent higher than in 1953. This enterprise does not handle cars used by Soviet officials.
3. The enterprise soon expects to be handling a new model, one that is a cross between the ZIM and the Pobeda. This model is currently under production at the Gorkiy Motor Vehicle Works.
4. The enterprise revealed that customers must wait one year for delivery on a Pobeda, and eight months on a Moskvich. Motor vehicle plants are not manufacturing enough spare fenders. As a result, many automobile owners are unable to replace damaged fenders.
5. The automobiles sold by the enterprise are manufactured at the Gorkiy Motor Vehicle Works.

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